

“How does God speak to me?”
Various Scriptures

“God does speak, sometimes one way and sometimes another, even though people may not understand it.” Job 33:14

We can’t begin to hear from God if:

1. We don’t want to hear

A. Fear

B. Pride

C. Bitterness

2. We don’t believe God wants to speak to us

3. We don’t want to deal with our sin

“If I hold on to sin in my heart the Lord will not hear.” Psalm 66:18

4. We won’t sell out to God’s will.

5. We won’t wait for God’s timing.

6. We have not trained our ears to hear His voice.

Four common ways God speaks to us:

1. Written Word

“The whole Bible was given to us by inspiration from God and is useful to teach us what is true and make us realize what is wrong in our lives...It is God’s way of making us well prepared at every point....” 2 Timothy 3:16

“God’s Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” Psalm 119:105

2. Taught Word

“When we preached to you, you didn’t think of the words as being just our own, but you accepted it as the very Word of God...which, of course, it was...and it changed your lives...” 1 Thessalonians 2:13

“We do not speak in words taught by human wisdom, but in words taught by the Spirit, as we explain spiritual truths...” 1 Corinthians 2:13

3. Spoken word

Logos – written word
Rhema – spoken word

“If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.” John 15:7

“...Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.” Romans 10:17

“The Holy Spirit...will be your teacher and will bring to your mind all I have said to you.” John 14:26

Two extremes:

1. Rationalist
2. Mystic

“God speaks again and again, in dreams and vision at night when deep sleep falls....as people lie on their beds. He opens their ears in times like that, and gives them wisdom and instruction.” Job 33:14, 18

Principle: Always test impressions

3. Painful Word

“Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.”
Proverbs 20:30

“I used to wander off until you punished me; now I closely follow all you say....The punishment you gave me was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your always.” Psalm 119:67, 71, 72

Why is it important to hear God’s voice?

1. It assures me that I am in God’s family
2. It protects me from mistakes
3. It is the secret of a productive life

“Today, if you hear God’s voice speaking to you, do not harden your heart against him.”
Hebrews 3:15